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SUBJECT: OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION
(XCSS); MAY 6-7; PROPOSAL FOR GROUP TO STUDY CERTAIN
NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES

1. WE THINK THERE IS GENERAL RECOGNITION AMONG OECD COUNTRIES THAT MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MAY CONTINUE TO SHARPEN IN TONE AND TO FOCUS ON POLEMICAL DEBATE. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN AND ENERGY PREPCON, WE BELIEVE THERE IS WIDESPREAD SENTIMENT AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO SEEK CHANNELS OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH LDCS.

2. DESPITE OUR SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE AT THE UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, WE STILL HOPE MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH LDCS AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND DEMONSTRATE OUR GENUINE INTEREST IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT. IN INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES FROM OECD COUNTRIES, THEY ALL HAVE INDICATED SIMILAR DESIRE TO PREVENT REPETITION OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. THEY AGREE CAREFUL PREPARATION AND COORDINATION ON A FEW ISSUES WHERE SOME PROGRESS MIGHT BE MADE MAY IMPROVE

CHANCES OF APPEALING TO MODERATE LDCS AND REDUCING CONFRONTATION.

3. BECAUSE OF THE BODY OF EXPERTISE IT HAS ACQUIRED ON
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A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF MAJOR RELEVANCE TO NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, THE OECD COULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY THINKING ON THE NATURE OF RELATIONS WITH THE LDCS. THE MAY 6-7 XCSS WILL BE CONSIDERING A STUDY OF COMMODITY POLICY DONE BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONSULTATION WITH EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS. THIS STUDY, COMMISSIONED AT THE MARCH 11-12 XCSS, WAS MOTIVATED IN PART BY A FELT NEED TO SEEK A MORE POSITIVE POSTURE OF

INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TOWARD LDCS. THE XCSS COULD BUILD AND EXPAND ON THIS BEGINNING BY ASKING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN COOPERATION WITH EXPERTS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INTERESTED BODIES OF THE OECD, PARTICULARLY THE DAC, TO PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF THOSE NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES ON WHICH THE OECD HAS SPECIAL COMPETENCE. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND EXPERTS COULD THEMSELVES DECIDE WHICH SPECIFIC ISSUES TO ADDRESS. IN ADDITION TO COMMODITY POLICY, THESE ISSUES MIGHT INCLUDE TRADE MATTERS, INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES.

4. GIVEN THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MANDATE OF THE XCSS, WE BELIEVE THIS FORUM, EITHER ALONE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DAC, MIGHT USEFULLY ENGAGE THIS PROBLEM, AND SEEK A REPORT AT A JULY MEETING. WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF THIS TASK AND DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS LIKELY THAT PRECISE CONCLUSIONS WOULD EMERGE FROM IT BY JULY. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE THE PROCESS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL OECD MEMBERS IN ADVANCE OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA IN THE FALL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE APPROACH OECD SECGEN VAN LENNEP, AND XCSS CHAIRMAN JOLLES. WE KNOW THEY ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE IDEA OF COORDINATING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY VIEWS ON LDC PROBLEMS. DRAWING ON THE FOREGOING YOU SHOULD SEEK THEIR VIEWS ON WHETHER THE OECD PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 ABOVE WOULD BE USEFUL AND SHOULD BE LAUNCHED AT THE MAY 6-7 XCSS. IF THEY AGREE, WE THINK AN APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR THEM TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PLACING THE IDEA BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS IDEA WITH DAC-CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS. THE MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MAY 5 RESTRICTED MEETING

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OF THE EXPANDED BUREAU, AT THE MAY 6 VAN LENNEP LUNCH AND AT THE FULL XCSS. THE PROGRAM COULD BE STRENGTHENED BY THE IMPRIMATUR OF THE OECD MINISTERS AND BY THE DAC MINISTERS AT THEIR HIGH LEVEL MEETING IN EARLY

JULY.

6. FYI. WHILE TIMING WILL BE CLOSE THE EXPERTS GROUP MIGHT SEEK TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE PERMITTING AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL BEFORE THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK BEGINNING IN MID-JUNE. WE ARE CONSIDERING FLOATING THIS THOUGHT AT THE MAY 5 RESTRICTED MEETING. END FYI. KISSINGER

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